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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

1. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 12-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 12-22 are directed towards software and therefore is not a physical "thing". It is neither computer components nor statutory processes, as it is not "acts" being performed. Please see MPEP 2106.01 I.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-6, 11, 12-17, 22, 23-28, and 33-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Smith (US 2002/0042277).

- In regard to claims 1, 12 and 23, Smith discloses a method, a computer program on computer readable medium and a system for providing location data of a mobile device using a web service, comprising:
 - Receiving location data associated with a mobile device, the mobile device operable to transmit a wireless signal including corresponding location data (paragraph 24)

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- Receiving a location request from a client using a web service, the location request comprising information identifying the mobile device and the client (paragraphs 24 and 49)
 - Automatically communicating a response to the location request based on the location data associated with the mobile device (paragraph 25)
- In regard to claims 2, 13 and 24, the location data comprising a geographic location and a time stamp (paragraph 25)
- In regard to claims 3, 14 and 25, further comprising determining request permissions associated with the mobile device based on the identified client (paragraph 19)
- In regard to claims 4, 15 and 26, the location request comprising a monitoring request and a criteria for comparing location data (paragraphs 49 and 50)
- In regard to claims 5, 16 and 27, further comprising, periodically receiving additional location data associated with the mobile device, comparing the received location data associated with the mobile device to the criteria and automatically communicating an alert to the client in response to the location data satisfying the criteria. (paragraph 50)
- In regard to claims 6, 17 and 28, the criteria comprising arriving at a location (paragraph 50)
- In regards to claims 8, 19 and 30, the criteria comprising the mobile device crossing a geographic perimeter. (paragraph 50) The mobile device or the client are able to select a designated location on when to send an alert.

- In regard to claims 11, 22 and 33, sending a permission request to the mobile device for the clients and providing access to the location data associated with the mobile device based on a mobile device response to the permission request (paragraph 24)
- In regard to claim 34, a method for providing a location data of a mobile device using a web service, comprising:
 - Receiving location data associated with a plurality of mobile devices, each mobile device operable to transmit a wireless signal encoding corresponding location data, the location data comprising a geographic location and a time stamp (paragraphs 24 and 25)
 - Receiving a location request from a client using a web service, the location request comprising a monitoring request, criteria and information identifying the mobile device and the client (paragraphs 49 and 50)
 - Automatically communicating a response to the location request based on the location data associated with the mobile device (paragraph 49)
 - Periodically receiving additional location data associated with the mobile device (paragraph 49)
 - Comparing the received location data associated with the mobile device to the criteria (paragraph 50)
 - Automatically communicating an alert to the client in response to the location data satisfying the criteria (paragraph 50)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith (US 2002/0042277). Smith fails to specifically disclose the criteria comprising a determination of a location of a first mobile device within a specified distance of a second mobile device, however, Smith does disclose being able to monitor multiple devices and being able to specify locations at which the client receives an alert about the location. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include sending an alert when mobile clients are nearby each other if the job of the employees is to meet together since it is tracking employees.

6. Claims 9-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith (US 2002/0042277) in view of Meadows et al (US 6,716,101). Smith fails to disclose the response comprising a route that the mobile device travels between a first and a second location and the response comprising a speed that the mobile device travels over a period of time. Meadows et al discloses this. (Column 5, lines 22-29) It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include the traveling speed and route taken for a mobile device in order for a client to easily monitor the activities of an employee or child.


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marie A. Weiskopf whose telephone number is (571) 272-6288. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday between 7:00 AM and 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Black can be reached on (571) 272-6956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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